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Amendment and Response Accompanying RCE

Sir:

This paper responds to the final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 20, 2007. Accompanying this paper are a Request for Continued Examination, a Terminal Disclaimer, and a Petition for a two-month extension of time to extend the time of response up to and including May 20, 2008. Authorization is herein granted to apply any fees occasioned by this paper, or credits due in this case, to Deposit Account 50-2295.

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